

# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

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## NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE quartely meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association was held in Utica, in the New Century Club, on Tuesday, July 15. Miss Bailey, first vice-president, took the chair in the absence of the president. The members present were Mrs. Lingenfelter, Miss Belle Gardner, Miss Allerton, Miss Sophia F. Palmer, Miss Ida Palmer, Miss Dock, Miss Enright, Miss Brooks, Miss Eva Gardner, Miss Davids, Miss McDermott, Miss Hadley, Miss Black, Miss Maxwell, and Miss Cadmus. A number of Utica nurses were present and took part in the discussions.

The business of the day consisted chiefly in hearing and receiving the reports of committees, the most important of which was that of the Committee on Legislation, Miss Allerton, chairman.

Miss Allerton's report showed satisfactory progress made in preliminary steps. One of the Regents of the University of New York had suggested outlines for a simple registration bill, and a prominent Senator had undertaken to conduct the bill through the Legislature.

The Regents declare it necessary for the members of the association to agree on some definition of what shall be the basis for a title describing nurses in the same way that "M.D." describes the physician, and also what this title shall be.

The association thereupon directed the secretary to forward to each member a list of titles which were then and there proposed, with the request that each member give her opinion in writing before the next meeting, at which time the results will be announced.

After some other minor business and further instructions to the standing committees it was resolved that the next meeting should be held in Rochester on the third Tuesday of October. The meeting then adjourned.

E. C. SANFORD, Secretary.

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## THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

THE annual meeting of the society will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 9, 10, and 11, in Detroit. The Russell House will be the head-quarters and the meetings will be held in the Convention Hall belong-

ing to the hotel. Superintendents of training-schools for nurses and nurses who are in charge of hospitals who are not already members are cordially invited to write to Mrs. Gretter, the president of the society, at the Harper Hospital, to obtain the requirements and to make application for membership in the society. New members are elected at the annual meeting.

L. L. Dock, Secretary.

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#### SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

At the last annual meeting, held in Buffalo, September, 1901, by-laws were adopted authorizing the formation of local camps, and since that time four have been organized. One has headquarters at Boston and others at Philadelphia and Washington, while the latest one is in Rhode Island. It is hoped that our members in other cities will take up this work of organizing camps, so that we may have reports from quite a number at the next annual meeting. This is to be held in Washington City next December.

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE, President S.-A. W. N.

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#### THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES

It would seem from questions asked in the meetings of the Associated Alumnae in Chicago that our members do not realize our affiliation with the National Council of Women or what it means. Nothing else would so illuminate their minds as to attend the next International Congress of Women, which is to be held in Germany in 1904. This great meeting is made up of the National Councils of Women of all the countries of the world, and the National Councils of the different countries are made up of different organizations of women affiliated together. The trained nurses of the United States and of Canada, through their membership in the National Council of Women, will have a place and a share in this tremendous five-yearly gathering of women of all the world who are committed to the overthrow of every form of injustice and the application of the Golden Rule to all affairs of life. It is not too soon for nurses to begin thinking of this Berlin Congress, and for all who can possibly manage a trip abroad at that time to plan to go and see for themselves what it is. Only duly appointed delegates, of course, will have votes, but all may attend the meetings. The meeting of the International Executive Committee was held in July in Copenhagen, and Mrs. Charlotte Norrie, of that city, who we feel belongs to us, as she is a nurse, is prominent in the preparations for its work and in planning the details of the congress.

There can be no greater education than to attend these international gatherings and to learn to know the splendid women who are laboring in countless ways for freedom and progress.

American nurses then realize for the first time the bondage and repression under which the nurses of other countries live, and the revelation must make them prize anew their own liberty, and determine anew to preserve it, not only for their own comfort, but so they may be stronger to help the women of the Old World out of their down-trodden condition.

The National Council of Women has a Press Committee which sees to the publication of all items of interest relating to the different organizations in its membership. Mrs. Gretter and her assistants have undertaken the work of supplying this committee with items about nursing affairs which are inter-

esting to the general public. Each month they look over THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and condense all important news into a short paragraph, which is sent out to the press of the different States by the Press Committee.

L. L. Dock, Secretary.

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#### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

MISS SANFORD, matron of the City Hospital, Edinburgh, has consented to act as honorary vice-president, representing Scotland. The entire list of honorary vice-presidents so far is as follows: Miss Snively, for Canada; Miss Stewart, for England; Miss Sandford, for Scotland; Fraulein von Schlichting, for Germany; Miss Turton, for Italy; Miss Krusysse, for Holland; Miss Milne, for Tasmania; Miss Keith Payne, for New Zealand; Miss McGahey, for Federated Australia.

L. L. Dock, Secretary.

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#### SPANISH WAR NURSES

NOTICES sent to the following members of the Order of Spanish-American War Nurses have been returned marked "not found." The secretary, Mrs. George Lounsbury, Charleston-on-Kanawha, W. Va., will esteem it a favor if any one seeing this notice will send her correct address: Baker, Miss Mary C.; Bauer, Mrs. C. M.; Bell, Mrs. Russell, formerly Rose G. Kane; Carson, Miss Mary; Cooper, Miss Emma F.; Elmquist, Miss Emma; Fenwick, Miss Hattie; Graf, Miss Mary E.; Hill, Miss Mary B.; Holderman, Miss Susan; Houghton, Miss Susan B.; Kaestner, Miss Bertha F.; Kerr, Mrs. J., formerly Maud Guthrie; Kratz, Miss Elizabeth R.; McCleary, Miss Anna M.; McNeill, Miss Janie; McManus, Miss Alice; Meech, Miss M. L.; Menenger, Miss Mary C.; O'Brien, Miss Annie E.; Penn, Miss Eva A.; Tate, Mrs. B. I., formerly Ellen M. Baker; Wills, Edith M.; Wiedman, Barbara; Wieland, Miss Minnie.

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#### STUDY COURSE 1902-1903

THE Greater New York members of the Associated Alumnae have completed arrangements for the season's lecture course, and most cordially welcome all societies and clubs of nurses in Greater New York to take advantage of the unusually interesting programme provided for this year. Any inquiries addressed by organizations or individuals to 143 East Thirty-fifth Street will be given prompt attention.

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#### REGULAR MEETINGS

PHILADELPHIA.—Camp No. 1, "Camp Liberty Bell," of Spanish-American War Nurses, greets all comrades at the close of its first season. Perhaps we have not done great things, but we have not been idle.

Our first meeting was called more than a year ago, before the Buffalo meeting, and was attended by three members only, but, not discouraged, we next year hunted up our members and organized with seven comrades, one now studying medicine giving us the use of her bachelor quarters and providing each monthly meeting something for the inner man.

Among our archives we prize Dr. McGee's autograph, given on the day her son was born, acknowledging our organization. To him we sent our warm greetings with a pair of socks and a miniature Liberty Bell from Independence Hall.

One comrade reported seriously ill in the hospital was promptly visited, but had been discharged. If she sees this she may know that she missed a beautiful bunch of roses.

We expressed our deep appreciation of Admiral Sampson's service to our country in a memorial to his widow.

Finally, after five pleasant social meetings, we closed for the summer with a supper in the fields and practice march "over the hills and far away" in Fairmount Park.

We hope all army nurses even passing through Philadelphia will call on us, and all belonging to the order in whatever part of the world who claim Philadelphia and vicinity as their home will communicate with us and join our camp.

Our special emblem is on sale to members only at Caldwell's (seventy-five cents), and I will attend to the purchase for any one desiring it.

REBECCA JACKSON, Captain Camp No. 1.

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BALTIMORE.—The annual meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of the Maryland General Hospital was held at the Baltimore Medical College on May 6, 1902. After the election of officers a discussion was held as to the advisability of incorporating the society, and it was decided to take steps in the matter at once. An interesting feature of the meeting was the talk given by Mrs. Bowles, one of the first graduates and now a member of the army corps and stationed as chief nurse in a hospital in Fort Bayard, N. M.

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ROXBURY, MASS.—The New England Hospital Training-School Alumnae Association held its annual meeting on the afternoon of April 30. At two P.M. the president, Miss Hodgins, took the chair. The reports of the secretary, treasurer, and registrar were read and approved. Miss Dillett spoke upon the growing interest of the older graduates in the hospital, association, and Training-School, with its eight-hour system and three-years' course, making it second to none. Three committees were elected, Entertainment, Registry, and Sick Relief. It was voted to reserve all funds from the registry for the "sick relief." Miss Hodgins, our delegate, brought us a very good report from the convention. Two new members were enrolled and two honorary members elected, Dr. Elizabeth Keller and Dr. Mary F. Hobart. The officers for 1902-1903 are: President, Miss D. Hodgins; secretary, Miss Dillet; treasurer, Miss N. A. O'Neil; three vice-presidents; assistant secretary, Miss I. R. Hall; registrar, Miss Jamme.

A resolution was passed upon the death of Dr. Marie Zakrzewska, founder of the hospital, honorary member of the association, and the first teacher of nurses in the United States:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from among us our founder and teacher, Dr. Marie Zakrzewska; therefore

"Resolved, That we hereby offer our deep sympathy and regret to her many friends and co-workers in the institution; and furthermore be it

"*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Directors and be published in *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

(Signed)

"D. HODGINS, President;

"A. DILLET, Secretary."

Miss Jamme gave a few words of good cheer.

The meeting adjourned at three P.M. and the graduating exercises took place at four P.M. Fourteen nurses were awarded the hospital diploma by Mr. Alfred Jones, vice-president. Addresses were made by Miss Kate Garnet Wells and Dr. Joel Goldthwaite. After benediction a collation was served by the members of the *alumnæ*. Many of the hospital staff were present, and all rejoiced to have Dr. Elizabeth Keller sufficiently recovered from her illness to attend. Miss Noyes was unable to be present, owing to the death of her brother.

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TROY, N. Y.—A special meeting of the *Alumnæ Association* of the Troy Hospital was held on the evening of June 12, following the graduating exercises of the school. The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Miss Wheeler. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Sister Martha; vice-president, Miss Jennie C. Mattingly, of the Class of 1898; secretary and treasurer, Miss Helen Burke, of the Class of 1898.

Miss Mattingly presented an original paper in which she set forth the social as well as the technical duty of the nurse, and urged that an endowed room or a building for a nurses' home be established in Troy, saying that one of the physicians of the hospital had signified a willingness to subscribe two hundred dollars towards the endowment of a room where nurses, if ill, could be cared for. The paper noted that of the thirty-two graduates three have died, two married, one is doing the work of a sister of charity, and the others are following their chosen profession. After the business session refreshments were served.

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KINGSTON.—The annual meeting of the Nurses' *Alumnæ Association* was held at the General Hospital on Tuesday, May 6, at eight P.M., Miss Bell, vice-president, in the chair. Those present were Misses Flaws, Bell, Baker, Veale, and Mrs. Tilley. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The several annual reports were read by the secretary-treasurer and accepted. It was moved by the secretary and seconded by Miss Baker that the annual report be printed and sent to all those interested in the work of the association. Carried. The Helen Wood Memorial Room needing new rugs very badly, it was decided to secure, if possible, another honorary member, and with the membership fee and the balance on hand to procure them and then discontinue further care of the room. Owing to the smallness of the meeting the election of officers was postponed until Thursday, May 15.

The adjourned meeting was held on Thursday, May 15, at seven-thirty P.M. Those present were Misses Flaws, Bell, Baker, Veale, and Mrs. Tilley. The meeting then proceeded at once with the election of officers, resulting as follows: Honorary president, Miss Flaws; president, Miss Wartman; vice-president, Miss Baker; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Tilley; convener of surgical-supply cupboard, Miss Reid.

The subject of nurses' charges was discussed again, and the meeting adjourned at nine P.M.

The annual report of the secretary-treasurer for the year ending May 6, 1902, was as follows:

"As the most important object of the association is the Nurses' Home fund, I have placed it first on the list. I regret, and am sure all the members do, that it has not increased at the same rate as last year, but it shows an increase of three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and sixty-four cents, making, with interest to December, 1901, a total of fifteen hundred and thirty-one dollars and ninety-two cents. The general fund has a balance of twenty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, made up as follows: Receipts, twenty-seven dollars and thirty cents; expenditures, three dollars and ninety-six cents. The Helen Wood memorial fund stands at present with two dollars and eighty-five cents of a balance. Receipts were thirteen dollars and sixty cents; expenditures, ten dollars and seventy-five cents. The surgical supply cupboard receipts were thirty dollars and five cents; expenditures, sixteen dollars and twenty-six cents, leaving a balance of thirteen dollars and seventy-nine cents on hand, not including value of stock in cupboard.

"Summary of accounts, apart from nurses' home fund: Receipts from all sources, seventy dollars and ninety-five cents; expenditures, thirty dollars and ninety-seven cents; balance, thirty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents.

"Copies of the last annual report were written and sent to all out-of-town members whose addresses could be obtained. The result was that fourteen additional members paid their annual fee. I would suggest that the annual report be printed and forwarded to all members and to all those interested in the work of the association.

"R. W. TILLEY."

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NEW YORK.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of our Training-School was held at the lecture-room June 11, Miss Alice I. Twitchell, president, in the chair. Letters of acceptance of election were read from Mr. William W. Hoppin and Mr. Edward King as members of the Advisory Board. A letter was also read from Miss Mary E. Thornton asking our association to subscribe to a study course for next season offered by the league for political education. After discussion it was decided to subscribe to it. The subject of joining the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which has for some time been under consideration by our association, was next taken up and discussed at length.

After further business of the meeting was completed Miss Anne Rhodes, president of the Post Parliament Club, gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on "Federation." A fuller discussion of the subject followed, after which the motion was made and unanimously carried that our association join the State Federation.

After adjournment the members of the association had the pleasure of greeting Miss Annie Goodrich, who has accepted the position of superintendent of our Training-School, made vacant by the illness of Miss Irene H. Sutcliffe.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association was held Wednesday, June 11, 1902, at three P.M. at the College of Physicians, Miss Ramsden, first vice-president, in the chair. The minutes of the first annual meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and carried that the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association extend an invitation to the National Alumnae Association to hold their annual meeting in 1904 in Philadelphia. The secretary of each alumnae association represented in the

Philadelphia County Nurses' Association was also requested to send a personal invitation from her Alumnae Association to the National. The names of five applicants for membership were presented and accepted. The meeting adjourned until the second Wednesday in November.

After the meeting Miss Watmough, president of the Philadelphia Branch of the Consumers' League in Pennsylvania, gave a short talk about the league, its object, and its advantages, which was interesting to all present.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The Alumnae Association of University Hospital held its ninth annual meeting on Monday evening, June 2, at seven o'clock. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Sara Rudden; first vice-president, Miss Clara I. Shackford; second vice-president, Miss Katherine Damm; secretary, Miss Nellie M. Casey; treasurer, Mrs. Asbury Irwin; sub-treasurer, Mrs. Mary C. Bains. Miss Casey was presented with a handsome oak writing-desk by her associates as an expression of their appreciation of her secretaryship for the past three years.

At eight P.M. Miss L. L. Dock, of New York, gave a "talk" on "Association and Organization Work," to which the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association were invited. Refreshments were then served in the Nurses' Home, where all had an opportunity to meet Miss Dock informally. Miss MacPherson and Miss Chambers assisted the alumnae members in entertaining their guests.

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BROOKLYN.—A meeting of the Graduate Nurses of Brooklyn, N. Y., was held in the Hoagland Laboratory June 17, 1902. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Beatrice Montieth, who in a few words stated the object of the meeting, being the preliminary steps to the organization of a local society. The minutes of the previous meeting being read by the secretary, the report of the Committee on the Revision of the By-Laws was presented by the chairman, Miss M. O. Niel. The report stated that we could no longer proceed as an association under the present by-laws. The constitution also called for a central registry for nurses, which was now found to be impracticable. After some discussion by those present it was moved that a new society be organized. The present officers were voted in as a whole until permanent organization. A committee was then chosen by vote to draw up a new constitution and by-laws. Those chosen were Miss M. O. Niel, chairman, K. C. H.; Miss McKee, B. H. H.; Miss Sargent, L. I. C.; Miss Remson, M. E. H.; Miss Whilty, B. H. As a great number of the nurses will be absent from the city during the summer, it was decided to defer further action till September. The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

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CHICAGO.—The alumnae meeting of St. Luke's Alumnae Association, Chicago, was held on Wednesday, June 4, 1902. The annual reports of the treasurer and secretary were read and approved. Funds were voted to the Programme Committee with which to carry out some instructive and interesting plan of work for the coming year. Two or three alterations in the constitution and by-laws were made, the principal one being the insertion of a section prohibiting married members, supported by their husbands, receiving sick benefit.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. William Cuthbertson; first vice-president, Miss Gertrude Philpotts; second vice-president, Miss A. Eldredge; secretary, Miss Anne Louise Pearse; assistant secretary,

Mrs. William Fisk; treasurer, Miss M. E. Johnstone; Board of Directors—Rt. Rev. C. P. Anderson, D.D., John E. Owens, M.D., Mr. Horace Nichols, Mr. Louis Curtis, Miss Augusta Robertson, Miss M. Biller, Miss Theresa Whittier, Miss Edith Parr, Miss Harriet O'Reilly.

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CHICAGO.—On Monday afternoon, June 30, Miss Barnard, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, met the nurses of St. Luke's Alumnae Association, Chicago, informally telling them in her delightful and instructive way something of the club work being done in Baltimore and elsewhere in the East. St. Luke's is really very interested in such a project for Chicago, and those nurses fortunate enough to meet Miss Barnard gained much helpful inspiration from her talk.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The sixth annual meeting of the Rhode Island Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association was celebrated June 10 at Roger Williams Park Casino. There were a number of members present whose field of labor has been far from their Alma Mater, also several who have never before been able to be present at the annual meetings. Tea was served at seven P.M. Miss Ellen Kenney acted in the capacity of toast-mistress, and the toasts were responded to as follows: "Absent Members," Miss McPherson; "Our Training-School," Miss L. C. Ayers; "The Medical Profession," Miss Mary Quinn; "Our Oldest Graduate," Miss H. B. Pearce. The business meeting was called to order at eight P.M. The report of the secretary and treasurer, also the report of the delegates to the Chicago convention, were read and accepted.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Miss Kenny; vice-president, Miss H. B. Pearce; treasurer, Miss W. L. Fitzpatrick; corresponding secretary, Miss Elizabeth Fleming; secretary, Miss Margaret McPherson.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The annual business meeting of the alumnae of the Protestant Episcopal Church Hospital was held in the Nurses' Home Tuesday, June 3, at seven-thirty P.M., Annie S. Haines, president, in the chair. Of the proposed amendments to the constitution one carried, that the words "or president" be added to Section 3, Article VII.

Officers for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Miss Mary S. Littlefield; president, Miss K. B. Darby; first vice-president, Miss G. Kitchen; second vice-president, Miss M. Thomas; secretary, Miss M. E. Esser; treasurer, Miss M. P. Allen; Executive Committee—Chairman, Miss C. J. Noetling; Miss A. S. Haines, Mrs. L. K. Free, Mrs. P. V. Baum, Miss B. Knox, Miss E. Allen.

The election of the officers closed the business meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing and dancing. Refreshments were served.

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BALTIMORE.—At the annual meeting of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Alumnae Association, held in the assembly-room of the Johns Hopkins Hospital May 30, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Rutherford; first vice-president, Miss Ross; second vice-president, Miss Bartlett; recording secretary, Mrs. Sullivan; corresponding secretary, Miss O'Bryan, 1123 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.; treasurer, Miss Lawler, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The meeting was very largely attended, and the members present had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting address by Mrs. Albert L. Sioussat, president Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs.



CHICAGO.—Illinois Training-School for Nurses Alumnae Association held its last meeting for the year April 26. Officers for the ensuing year will be: President, Helen Scott Hay; first vice-president, Miss Sara M. Dick; second vice-president, Mrs. Hohmeyer; secretary, Mrs. Frederic Tice; treasurer, Miss Grace Romine. The first meeting for next year will be held on Tuesday, September 9.

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MARRIAGES

MISS GERTRUDE CLEVELAND, of the Class of 1899, Faxton Hospital, Utica, to Dr. W. S. Emberson, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

MISS BESSIE BOWEN, of the Class of 1901, Faxton Hospital, Utica, N. Y., to Dr. F. J. McKown, of Carmel, N. Y.

ON June 17, at Grace Church, Providence, R. I., Miss Mabel O. Dunphy, graduate of the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School and of the Boston Lying-in Hospital, to Mr. Daniel Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards will reside in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

MISS EVA LILLIAN SCHLEGAL, a graduate in the Class of 1901 of the Rochester Homœopathic Training-School, was married to Dr. John Robert Brownell on June 18.

Dr. and Mrs. Brownell will live at Perry, N. Y.

ON June 18 Miss Laura Reid, a graduate from the nurses' training-class of the Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, Class of 1899, was married at the home of her parents, Oak Street, Buffalo, to Dr. Gustin Welch, of Oliver Street, Rochester, N. Y.

The house decorations were in pink and white, the school colors, and a goodly number of her schoolmates were present to witness the ceremony and wish them good luck.

ON July 2, 1902, Miss Jennie McPhillips, of the Class of 1898, Erie County Hospital, was married to Dr. Charles Mengis, of Goodell Street, Buffalo.

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OBITUARY

DIED, January 13, 1902, at the home of her uncle, William Oliver, at Kewanee, Ill., of typhoid fever, Miss Nellie Murray, graduate of the Cottage Hospital Training-School for Nurses.

Miss Murray ranked as one of the most popular and skilful nurses of the school, always showing love, loyalty, and devotion to her work, endearing herself to sister nurses, patients, and friends alike, and by her usefulness and noble character making all love her.

MRS. OHSAM,  
MISS FAIRY,  
MISS WAITE,  
MISS McWHERTER.

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